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Addendum

SURINAME

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The phenomenon of apartheid does not exist within the Surinamese society. The legislation of Suriname has enacted provisions to take action in cases of discrimination and apartheid.

The decree concerning basic rights and duties of the population of Suriname (Decree 411, 1982 No.63) which entered into force on 30 March 1982, contains many provisions regarding equality of all citizens. Therefore, there was no need for the State to pursue a specific policy in this respect nor was it necessary to take specific juridical, administrative and practical measures to combat apartheid.

The Government of the Republic of Suriname is of the opinion that apartheid is a crime against humanity and a violation of the principles of international law and that it must be considered a serious threat against international peace and security.

For these reasons the Government of the Republic of Suriname is of the opinion that the fight against apartheid is a task of the international community.

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